



WATER-PARSNIP

Sium suave

Located in swamps, wet thickets and meadows and on muddy banks throughout the Division. Consisting of several recognized forms with variable leaves. Distinguished from the deadly poisonous water hemlock by having corrugated stems and simply pinnate leaves.

A perennial with stout, erect stem, branched above the middle, stems and branches corrugated or angled; 0.3 to 2 m high. Lower leaves with long stalks, uppermost nearly stalkless, stalks forming a sheath about the stem; leaves divided into 4 to 16 opposite, and one terminal linear or lance-shaped leaflets; leaflets tapering to a point, sharply toothed; 3 to 15 cm long. Flowering heads 4 to 11 cm broad; composed of clusters of white flowers on the ends of 1 to 4 cm long stalks; 8 to 20 stalks arranged in umbrella fashion; blooming from July to September.



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